

Description

[Adjustable drink holder for fishing boats]

BACKGROUND OF INVENTION

[0001] 1. Field of the Invention

[0002] This invention allows any rod holder on a fishing boat to be utilized as a drink holder, regardless of the angle of the rod holder.

[0003] 2. Description of Prior Art

[0004] Many fishing boats do not come equipped with drink holders; however, almost all fishing boats have rod holders. It would be desirable for a product to be used whenever needed, as a drink holder in place of a rod holder.

[0005] A prior design found in US patent Des.415095 (Goldsmith, 1999) shows a boat cup holder that is fixed at a specific angle and has a slot cut down one side. This design has various drawbacks. Rod holders on fishing boats come in various angles; ranging from, but not limited to, vertical

to 60 degrees from vertical. The Goldsmith "95 design only fits one angle. Also, the slot up the side makes the Goldsmith "95 design less useful for holding items often found on a fishing boat, such as; cut bait, fishing weights, fishing hooks, and other fishing paraphernalia.

[0006] Therefore, it would be desirable if a product could be produced that could overcome these drawbacks of prior art; having the ability to adjust to any angle rod holder, while having a cup portion without a slit cut in it so that it may be able to hold both drinks and other fishing paraphernalia.

SUMMARY OF INVENTION

[0007] This invention is a novel drink holder that overcomes the drawbacks of prior designs and allows a person to temporarily utilize any rod holder as a drink holder, or holder of other fishing paraphernalia, regardless of its angle.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

[0008] *FIG 1* is a view of the invention holding a drink can, while in an angled rod holder.

[0009] *FIG 2* is an exploded view of the invention.

[0010] *FIG 3* is an assembled view of the invention.

[0011] *FIG 4* is a front side view of the invention .

[0012] FIG 5 is a section view (AA) of the front side view (Fig 4).

[0013] FIG 6 is a back side view of the invention.

[0014] *REFERENCE NUMBERS* 1.Cup Portion2.Rod Portion3.Wing Nut
4.Washer 5.Hex Bolt 6.Rod Holder7.Drink Can

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0015] Figure 1 shows an example of the invention inserted into a rod holder 6 while holding a drink can 7.

[0016] The intended operation of this device is as follows: First, place the rod portion 2 into the rod holder 6 securely. Second, loosen the wing nut 3. Third, adjust the cup portion 1 to the desired position (usually vertical). Fourth, tighten the wing nut 3 to secure the assembly.

[0017] Although the present invention has been described herein with respect to preferred embodiments, it will be understood that the foregoing description is intended to be illustrative, not restrictive. Modifications of the present invention will occur to those skilled in the art. All such modifications that fall within the scope of the appended claims are intended to be within the scope and spirit of the present invention.